

HAZEL DREW SLAIN BY STRANGER MET NEAR TEAL'S POND

Known Facts Seem to Show
She Was Waylaid on Trip to
Uncle's Farm for Money.

COUNTY OFFICERS SLOW

Crime Committed Two Weeks
Ago and Mystery Is Still
Deep—Inquest Monday.

(From an Evening World Staff Correspondent.)

TROY, N. Y., July 23.—If the murderer of Hazel Drew escapes the penalty of his atrocious crime Rensselaer County citizens will have official inactivity to blame. Promptness and thoroughness have been sadly lacking in the efforts of Troy's authorities to unravel the mystery.

Almost two weeks have passed since Hazel Drew's corpse was taken from Teal's Pond. Outside of three minor discoveries, which should have been made immediately after the ghastly find, no headway has been made in establishing the identity of the murderer. Her suit case was found three days after her body; a handbox of torn letters, photographs and mementoes was unearthed in the Cary cellar a full week after Hazel Drew was buried, and by far the most important fact in the case was disclosed only a few days ago, when William Huffay and his wife told of seeing a yellow-tired Concord wagon and two strangely acting men at Teal's Pond on the night of Hazel's disappearance.

Hundreds of theories have been expounded and exploded, and from Troy to Taborton, fifteen miles, crowds of detectives have labored vainly day and night to find a leading clue to the tragedy. Yet to-day not one official can say positively as to the manner of Hazel's death.

And why? First, because four doctors failed to determine if Hazel Drew was murdered for the same reason "Billy" Brown was slain or to learn if the girl's apparel did not betray signs of the manner in which she expired; and, second, because an over-cautious District-Attorney did not break at once the obstinate silence of the victim's relatives and friends.

Without a known motive, without positive assurances of why the girl was slain, easiness ascertainable from a careful autopsy, detectives, willing but at sea, have lost almost two weeks of time in their search for the murderer.

Huffay Reveals Good Clue.

Huffay's story is the important development in the case. The mysterious horse and wagon, the two stealthy, silent figures in the dark at the pond's edge may or may not add ingenuity, intrigue and romance to the colorless and brutal evidences of a terrible crime. And the rattling of the family's skeleton has at last exposed secrets which, if earlier revealed, would have saved two weeks of aimless rambling about the country in search of clues and perhaps deprived the slayer of Hazel Drew of that chance of escape.

The baffling points of the tragedy are to-day as they were the hour the corpse was identified as the oldest daughter of John Drew. Briefly they are:

How did Hazel get to the "Hollow?"

Was she really seen by Smith and Gunderman?

Was the motive of her murder a guilty man's hope to cover his betrayal of the pretty girl?

Where was Hazel from Monday at 11:30 A. M. until her body was found, or at least until Smith and Gunderman saw her? A lapse of thirty-two hours has not been accounted for.

Was she carried to the pond, or did the assassin take place there? If assailed there, why go above to turn to her uncle's home? Was she headed for her uncle's when ambushed and killed?

Why Did She Destroy Mementoes?

And then the two unexplained questions which came later:

Why did Hazel visit all her relatives on the Saturday and Sunday before her disappearance? Why did she seek to destroy all traces of her former life by tearing up photos of herself and friends, letters, cards and souvenirs? Was she prepared to enter a new life in which mementoes of the old would have troubled her?

Had she returned to Troy after a disappointment at Albany, previous to an elopement or flight to another life, checked her suit case and hurried out to her uncle for money when death overtook her?

There is as yet no answer to these questions. If the body is exhumed perhaps some of them can be answered. Only the statement of the four doctors is left to guide the authorities. If they blundered the county officers are doomed blindly to continue their so-called efforts until the unsolved mystery of the murder of Hazel Drew has been forgotten.

Were it not for this same report that Hazel Drew was murdered the theory that the girl was a suicide would be readily accepted by close students of the crime.

Holding the mystery down to its known facts, however, there are just two plain, practical ways of diagnosing

STANDARD OIL FINE REVERSAL TO BE ATTACKED

Government Will Ask Rehearing on Two Points in Decision of Circuit Judges.

CHICAGO, July 23.—United States District-Attorney Sims today announced positively that a petition for rehearing in the case of the Government against the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, decided adversely to the Government by Judges Grosscup, Baker and Seaman, in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals yesterday, would be filed. No other action will be determined until after Attorney-General Bonaparte has read the opinion of the reviewing court. Mr. Sims today received the following telegram from Mr. Bonaparte:

"I feel that you and your assistants have done everything possible to protect the interests of the Government and promote justice. I will write fully as soon as the opinion comes to hand."

That the petition for rehearing will lay stress on two alleged errors in the quoted portions of the opinion of the court is the generally accepted opinion of attorneys interested in the case.

Points in Question.

Local newspapers today print parallel statements taken from yesterday's decision and from the record of the original trial.

This from Judge Grosscup's opinion: "And carried out in the ruling excluding certain proffered testimony, including that of one Edward Bogardus, who, being in absolute charge of traffic, offered to testify that he did not know anything about the 18-cent gas rate over the Alton road; that his attention had never been called to any such rate by any person, or by the examination of the document, and that it was his understanding and belief, based on what he was told by one Holland, tariff clerk for the Alton railroad, that the rate over the Alton road was six cents, and that such rate had been filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission."

"Following is the testimony of Bogardus before Judge Landis, as taken from page 123 of the printed record: 'The witness, in response to questions by counsel for the defendant, was permitted by the court, over the objection of counsel for the United States, that the evidence was incompetent and immaterial, and merely the conclusions of the witness and not the facts, to testify as follows:'

"During the years I have mentioned (1901-02) I did not know anything about an 18 cent per hundred rate of oil over the Chicago and Alton Railroad between Whiting and East St. Louis in any tariff whatever. My attention had never in any way been called to such a rate by any human being, or by the examination of any document of any kind or character, or otherwise."

"During the period of time mentioned it was my understanding and belief that this six cent rate regarding which I have testified, was filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission; that understanding and belief was based on what I was told in the Chicago & Alton case by Mr. Holland."

Referred to Defendant.

"During all that period of time in connection with shipment of oil over the Chicago & Alton Railroad by the Standard Oil Company of Indiana as its representative in that particular work, I had not intention to violate any lawfully established rate of the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company."

The newspapers also print an excerpt from the record to show that where Judge Grosscup stated that Judge Landis referred to the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey as a "virgin offender," Judge Landis really referred to the defendant, the Standard Oil Company of Indiana.

The two points given, it is believed, will form the ground work of the petition for a rehearing.

FIVE WANT CITY REFUSE.

Bids Closed for Disposal of Rubbish Dumped in Sewers.

Bids for the contract for the removal of ashes, street sweepings and rubbish gathered by the Street Cleaning Department and put aboard sewers in the Harlem, North and East Rivers, were opened today by Commissioner Crowell.

There were five bidders—Dalley & Jones, the E. V. Eastman Contracting Company, Bradley Contracting Company, Waterbury, the Improvement Company and Moran Towing and Transportation Company. The city spends about \$60,000 a year on this work. It is now doing part itself.

It after accepting the doctor's verdict of murder:

Only Two Theories Possible.

Either Hazel Drew walked to the Taylor turnpike or she was carried there, the points directly to a (a) visit to her uncle; the other to a secret meeting, a romance or a denunciation and death.

The one indicates the slayer as a stranger or strangers met on the road; the other directs the finger of suspicion to her guilty lover. The one means that she was murdered near the pond; the other that she was killed elsewhere and her body carried there.

MASSING EVIDENCE FOR THE INQUEST.

(Special to The Evening World.)

TROY, N. Y., July 23.—Hazel Drew was murdered shortly before her body was thrown into the pond, the Rensselaer County physicians officially reported to District-Attorney O'Brien today. The question of the girl's possible condition will be considered at the inquest which takes place next Monday at Averill Park.

Detectives learned that Hazel spent a week last summer at Snyder Lake, and hope to find two young men in whose company she was. Miss Taylor, the aunt, still defies efforts to force from her names of all the dead girl's friends and acquaintances before her death.

Mrs. Mina Jones of Waterville, Me., and her husband, who works in Troy, are becoming more prominent in the development of the case. The Joneses were close friends of the Drew girl. Mrs. Jones destroyed letters of a confidential nature from Hazel on the request of Miss Taylor after the murder. Both will be called as witnesses at the inquest.

BIG CROWD SEES BABY FALL FROM FOURTH FLOOR

Maria Silva, Eight Months Old,
Plunges Through Well of
Fire Escape.

A large crowd of witnesses going in and out of Police Headquarters in Mulberry street, this being trial day there, were panic-stricken at about 10 o'clock when a baby, eight months old, fell through the well of a fire-escape on a big tenement across from the rear entrance to the station and struck on its head in Mott street.

The baby was Maria Arterio Silva and she was the daughter of Giuseppe and Camelia Silva, who live on the fourth floor of the tenement Nos. 314-316 Mott street. The mother had placed the child on the fire-escape and it wriggled its way over a few inches and plunged through the well.

When Maria struck the street the crowd was so excited that the child lay there for a few minutes before any one had the courage to pick her up. Then a fifteen-year-old boy ran with her into the wine shop of Nicolo Bolio, and the unconscious infant was laid on a table.

Policeman Neville sent in a call to St. Vincent's Hospital for an ambulance, but there was some hitch in the call, the wrong number of the house being given or there was some other error, and it was about half an hour before an ambulance finally appeared on the scene.

The baby's mother had rushed screaming and tearing her hair into the wine shop and when she saw Maria her friends had trouble in preventing her from doing herself an injury. Very little life seemed left in the child when Dr. Quinn came in the ambulance drawn by the horse Bay, which holds the record and is driven by Driver Lyons.

"Aren't you a little slow, doctor?" he was asked.

"None of your business," he replied, "do you think we've got nothing to do but run down here?"

The child's mother was so insistent that the little one should not be taken

Freight Wreck Ties Up Lehigh Valley Traffic.

BOUND BROOK, N. J., July 23.—One man was injured and three freight cars were smashed in a freight wreck on the Lehigh Valley Railroad near the station here early today. Traffic on the road was blocked several hours, the rails and ties having been torn up for several yards. The name of the injured man is not known.

Bound Brook is on a branch of the Lehigh road, known as the New Jersey and Lehigh road.

ARNHEIM OUTING

The Marks Arnheim Benevolent Association, an organization of about thirty years' standing and noted for its many charities to its members, will hold its ninth annual outing next Saturday at Zeller's Park and Casino, at One Hundred and Seventy street and Third avenue, rain or shine. There will be prize bowling and games and dancing in the pavilion during afternoon and evening. Tables and seats for picnic parties will be at convenient points in the park.

Round Brook is on a branch of the Lehigh road, known as the New Jersey and Lehigh road.

BALDWIN BALLOON ARRIVES.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—Capt. Baldwin's astronaut or dirigible balloon, built for the army, is now at Fort Myer, Va. It will probably make its initial flight early next week. The balloon squad of the Signal Corps, under the direction of Lieut. Benjamin D. Paulola, unpacked the framework this morning and Capt. Baldwin is expected within a few days.

NIGHTMARE FOOD.

The poet's wife—Algeron, you're not practicing! You do nothing but dream.

The poet—Ah, but my dreams are beautiful things.

The poet's wife—Well, we can't eat the stuff that dreams are made of.

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